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Re: Enclosed After-Final Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,459  
Docket No. NEC01P205-HIa

Dear Examiner Wong:

We herewith enclose a copy of the After-Final Amendment filed via facsimile on February 10, 2004.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Peter A. Balnave

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Enclosure

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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For: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRADING WITH OPTICAL INPUT AND OUTPUT  
CHARACTERISTICS SETTABLE TO DESIRED VALUES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Claims 5-8, 10, 12, 16, 31-34, 36, 38, 40, and 42 are currently pending in the application. Claims 16, 40, and 42 are currently amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 5-8, 10, 12, 16, 31-34, 36, 38, 40, and 42 are independent.